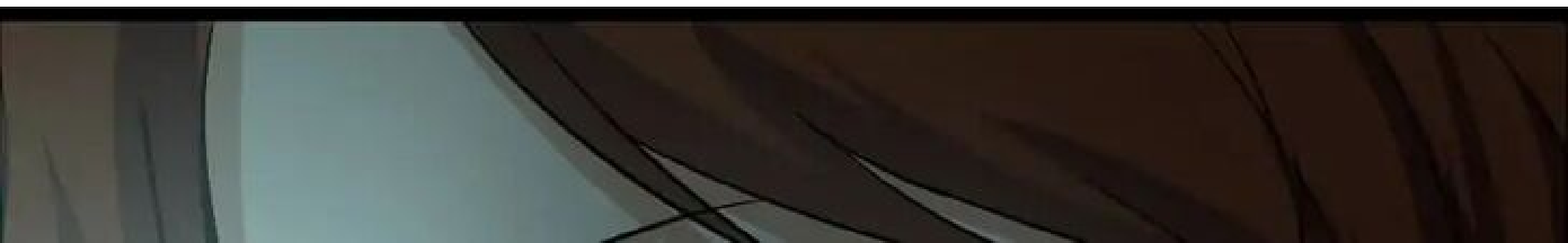
OH,

YOU'RE AWAKE.



HIDE

DON'T
TELL ME
THE CORPSE
IS...

HOW
IS YOUR
BODY?

I
SWEAR TO

GOD, IF IT GETS UP...

PFFFT

DON'T WORRY.

THE CORPSE WON'T BE RE-ANIMATING, IF THAT'S YOU'RE AFRAID OF.

WAIT!

DON'T JUST TRUST THIS UNKNOWN VOICE. NO MATTER HOW SILKY SMOOTH AND DIGNIFIED IT

SOUNDS...

WHO ARE YOU?!

ZAP

ARE YOU THE ONE THAT SAVED ME?

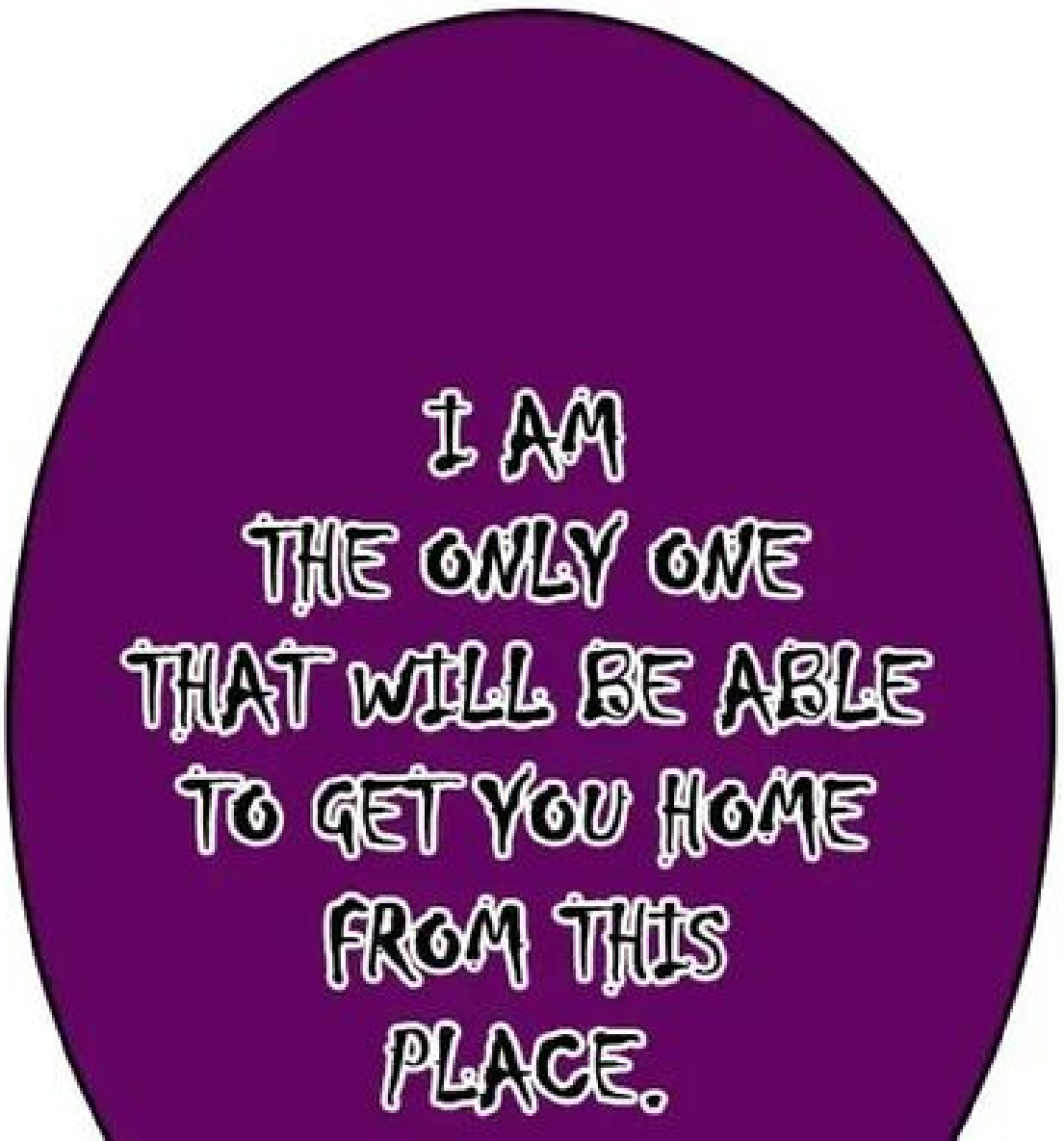
YES,
TO YOUR SECOND

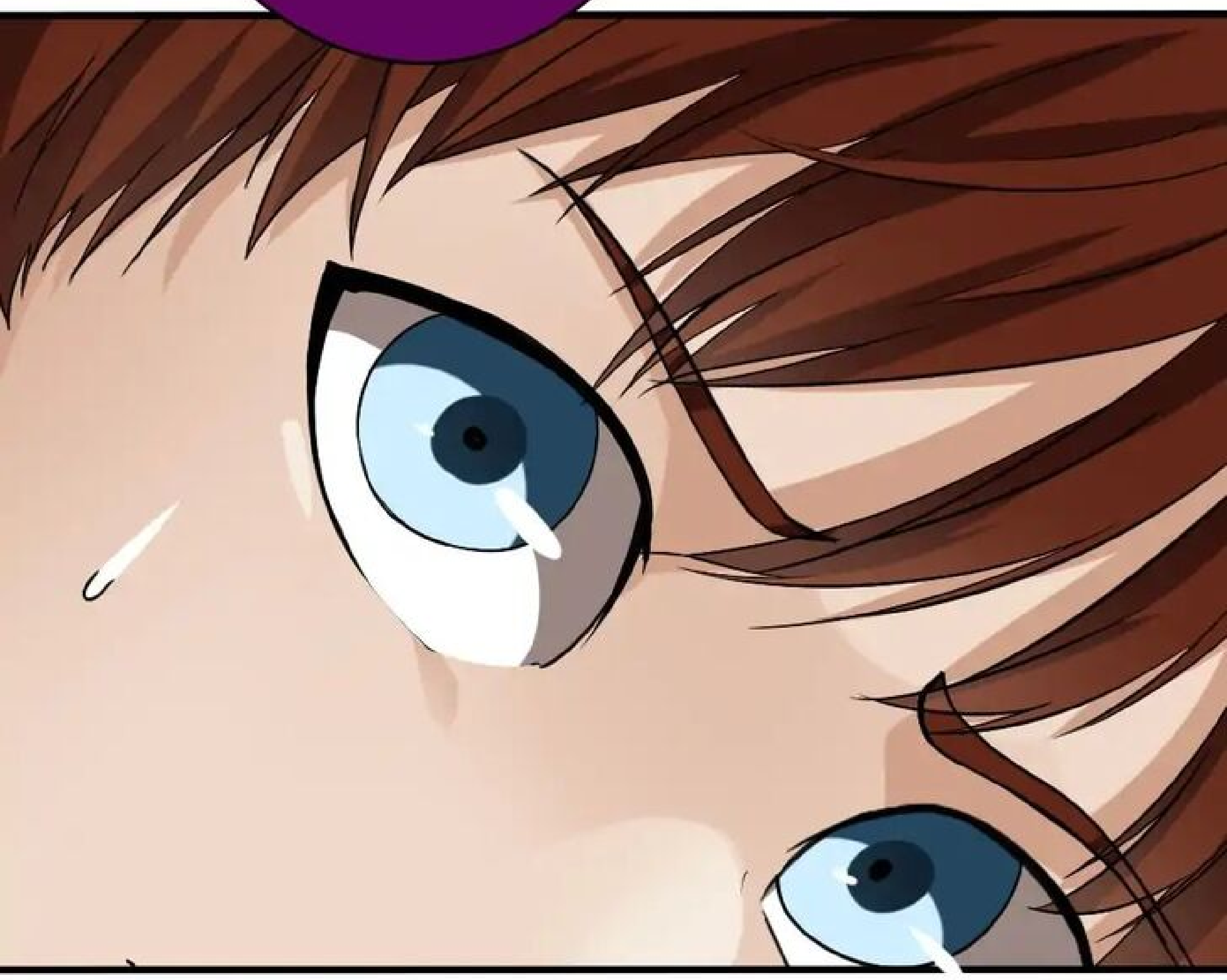
QUESTION.

AS FOR THE FIRST, YOU'LL FIND OUT ONCE YOU ARIVE AT MY DWELLING.

YOU SOUND PRETTY CONFIDENT THAT I'LL EVEN TRY TO FIND YOU.

WELL...


I AM
THE ONLY ONE
THAT WILL BE ABLE
TO GET YOU HOME
FROM THIS
PLACE.



THAT'S RIGHT!
HOME!

REY,
ALICE AND
THE TWIN
HORNS.

MY BABY SIBLING!

ARE THEY ALL RIGHT?

DID THEY REACH XYRUS SAFELY?

EHEM

MISTER...
VOICE?

MAY I

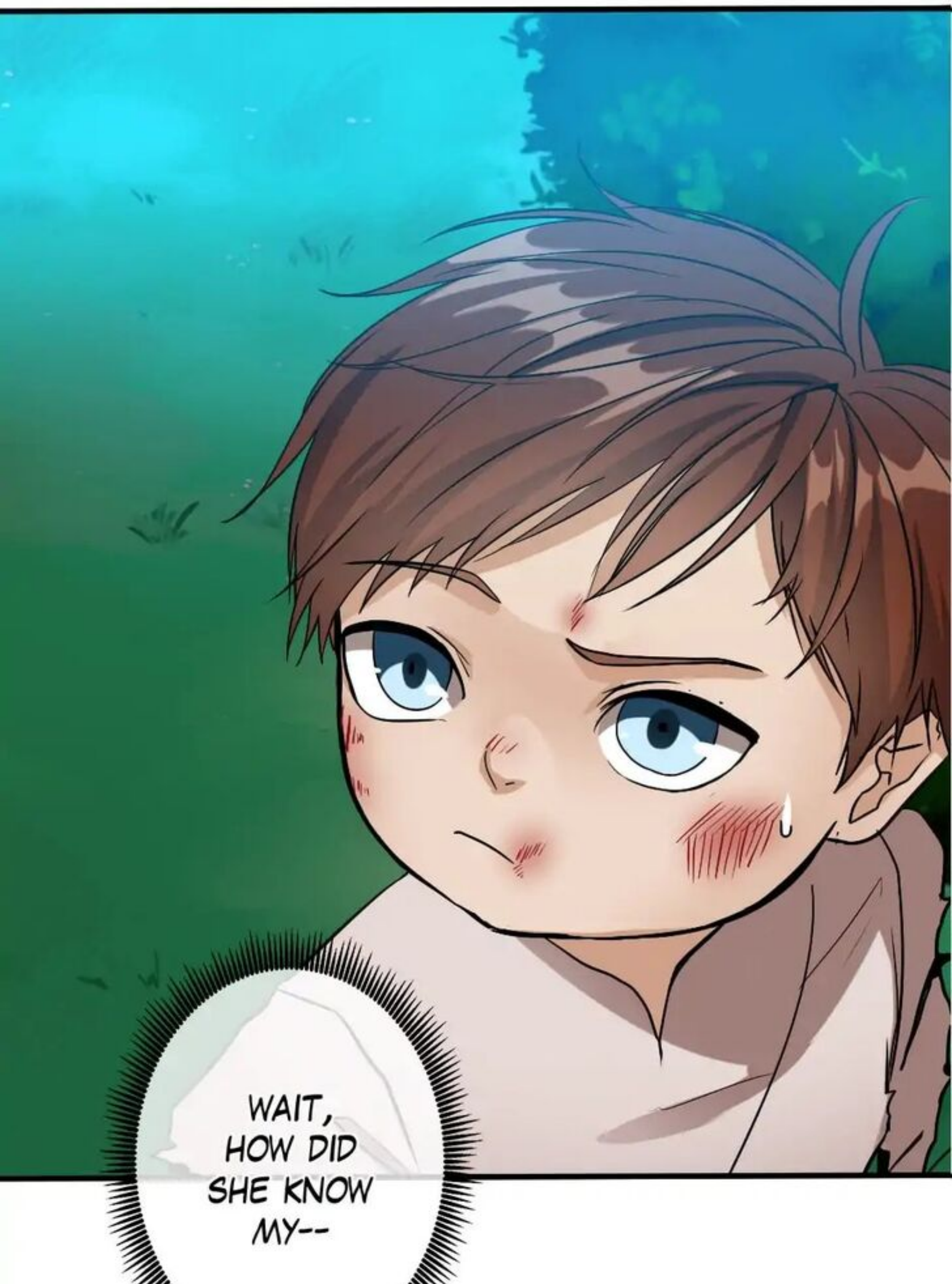
INCONVENIENCE YOU FOR DIRECTIONS SO THAT YOU MAY GRACE ME WITH YOUR PRESENCE?

CHUCKLE

YOU CATCH ON QUICK, ARTHUR LEYWIN.

ALTHOUGH, IT'S A BIT RUDE TO REFER TO A LADY AS 'MISTER'.

BUT YOUR SENTIMENT IS THERE, SO YES...


WAIT,
HOW DID
SHE KNOW
MY--

I'LL SHOW YOU.

RRR

I RECOMMEND DEPARTING IMMEDIATELY. IT WIL BE A LOT SAFER TRAVELING...

...WHILE IT'S STILL LIGHT OUT.

THE BEGINNING AFTER THE END

STORY BY
TURTLEME

ART BY
FUYUKI23

COLOR ASSISTANT BY
ISSATSU

QUALITY CONTROL BY
KISAI ENTERTAINMENT

AS MY BODY'S CONDITION GRADUALLY IMPROVED, LEAVING ME WITH ONLY A FEW ACHES HERE AND THERE BY THE AFTERNOON, I COULDN'T HELP

BUT THINK...

WHAT SORT OF MAGIC HAD SHE USED TO SAVE ME FROM THE FALL? HOW COULD SHE HAVE EVEN KNOWN THAT WE WERE FALLING, AND WHY DID SHE ONLY SAVE ME?

THE MORE
I TRIED TO COME
UP WITH AN EXPLANATION,
THE MORE QUESTIONS
I SEEMED TO
END UP WITH.

SHAAAAAA

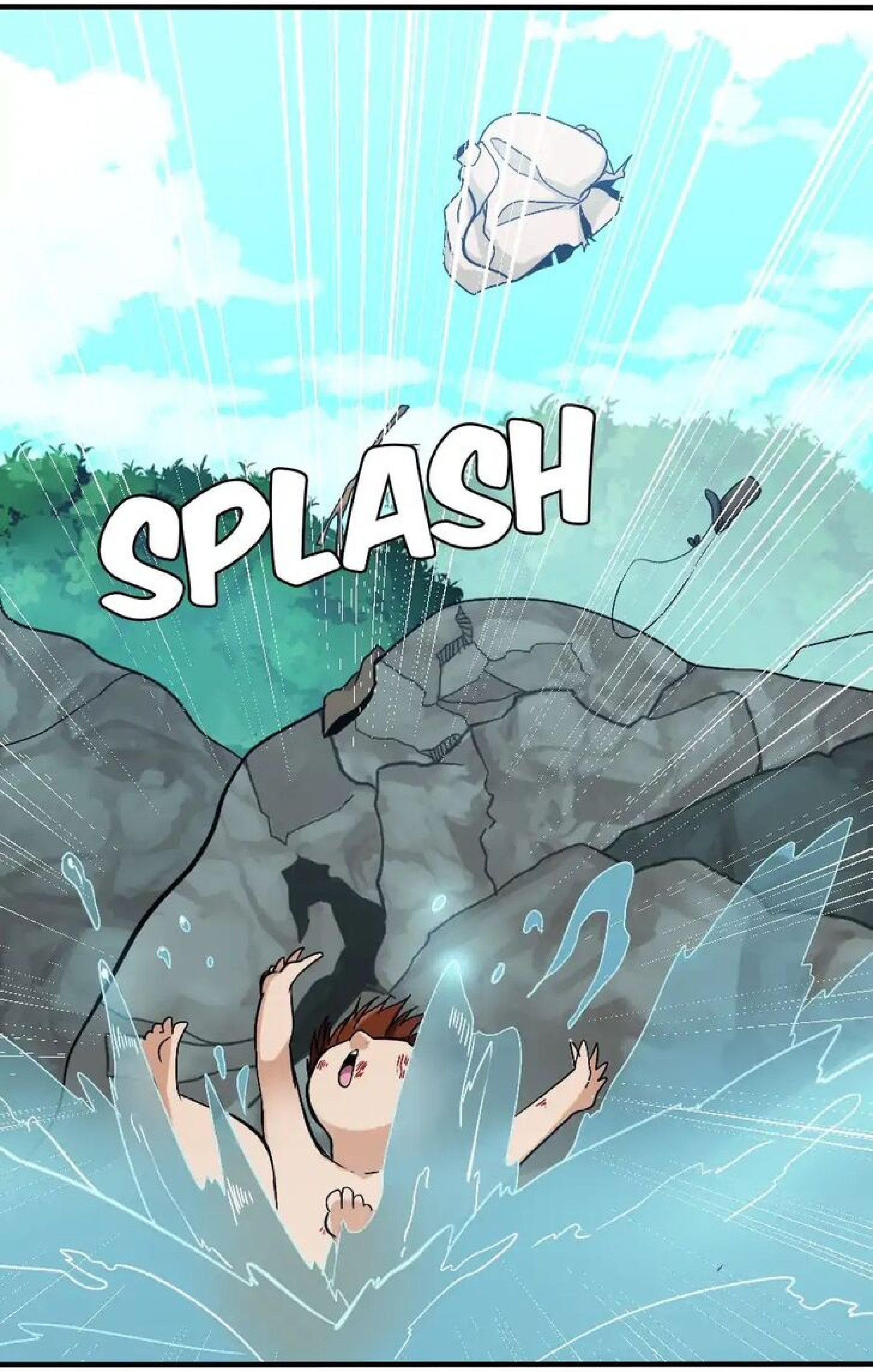
TWITCH

TWITCH

SHAAAAA
PLEASE LET IT BE WHAT I THINK IT IS!

WATER!

WATER!


SPLASH

RUB
RUB

HAHA...
HOW PLEASANTLY
CAREFREE.

SPLAT

DON'T WORRY,
THERE ISN'T MUCH

TO SEE.

STAB

THEY ARE
JUST WORDS, ARTHUR.
A KING MUST REMAIN
CALM AND UNFAZED...

I APOLOGIZE
FOR STARTLING
YOU. DON'T POUT.

THIS BODY
IS JUST UNDEVELOPED

IS JUST UNDEVELOPED
THAT'S ALL...

SINCE I FELL OFF THE MOUNTAIN TOWARDS THE EAST, I MUST BE NEAR THE ELVES' DOMAIN.

BUT I DON'T SEE ANY OF THE FOG THAT THE FOREST OF ELSHIRE IS KNOWN FOR.

MY FEARS OF TRAVELING THROUGH THE BEAST GLADES WERE QUELLED BY THE FACT THAT ONLY SMALL ANIMALS SEEMED TO BE PRESENT.

ALTHOUGH,
I'M SURPRISED THAT
I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY MANA
BEASTS WITH HOW RICH THIS
PLACE IS WITH MANA.

IT'S
REGRETTABLE THAT
I CAN'T STAY AND
ABSORB SOME
OF THE MANA,
BUT I SHOULD
HURRY.

I NEED
TO GET BACK TO
MY PARENTS. WITH
MY MOTHER PREGNANT,
THE STRESS OF MY
POTENTIAL DEATH
MIGHT EVEN EN-
DANGER THE BABY
INSIDE HER

IF
THEY'RE STILL
ALIVE.

I'M GLAD YOU WERE ABLE TO MAKE IT HERE SAFELY.

SO...
UMM...
IT'S NICE TO...
MEET YOU?
. . .

AS INTERESTING AS IT WOULD BE, I AM NOT A SENTIENT CLUSTER OF ROCKS.

YOU WILL FIND ME WITHIN THE CREVICE.

AH,
I SEE!

GULP

DAD.
MOM.

I'LL BE HOME SOON.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN TURTLES!

@TURTLEME93
@FUYUKI23

KUROEYKS